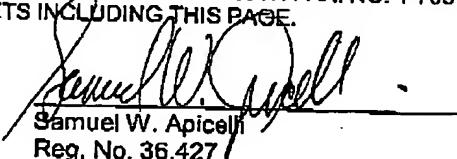


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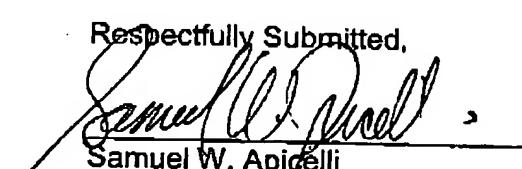
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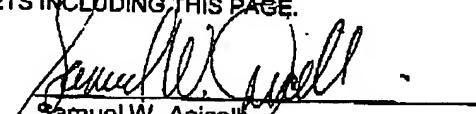

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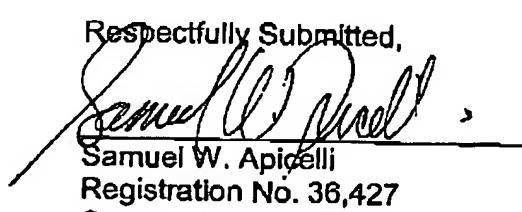
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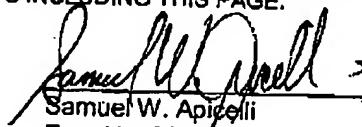
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COMMUNICATION

This is in response to a Request made during a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned Attorney of Record on March 24, 2005. The Examiner stated that the Declaration signed by all of the inventors was missing from the file in the above-identified continuation Application. Applicants therefore are submitting a copy of the COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY, filed in connection with the parent patent application, which listed the names and addresses of the inventors, and is signed by all of the inventors. No Fee is believed to be due in connection with the submission of this copy of the Declaration. However, if the Examiner determines

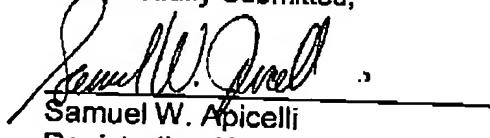
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determines that a fee is required, she is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants' undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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